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THE CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION, EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS.

Proceedings.

SENATE.

Wednesday, March 10th, 1824—Sixty-ninth day.

Mr. RUGGLES presented the petition of Jonas Alford, praying that the benefit of the 4th section of the act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July, 1820, may be extended to him; read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. SMITH presented the memorial of Charles Gwinn, of the city of Baltimore, praying that a sum of money erroneously paid by him into the Treasury, may be restored; read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. KING, of Ala. presented the memorial of Wm. D. Stone, praying to be permitted to locate a tract of 1000 acres of land on the Mobile river, as an indemnity for a like quantity claimed by him under a British grant, which he states has been lost; read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill for the gradual supply of cannon, bombs, and howitz, for the fortifications, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and amended by unanimous consent; the title was also amended.

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be, "An act for the gradual supply of cannon, bombs, and howitz, shot and shells, and materials for carriages for the fortifications and other purposes."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, Mr. KING of Ala. in the chair, the bill regulating the transportation of gold and silver, bullion, specie and jewels, and carrying of passengers, and to prohibit the receipt of merchandise in the public vessels of the United States; the bill having been amended, was reported to the House, and the amendments being concurred in, the bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield districts, in the state of Illinois;" and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to repeal in part, the act, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. BROWN presented the resolution and memorial of the Legislature of the state of Ohio, praying that they may be authorized to dispose of in fee the lands within that state granted for the use of schools; read, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth; postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The bill for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Linsey; and no amendment having been proposed, it was reported to the House, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill for the relief of Sarah Venable and Jane Morgan, and no amendments having been proposed, it was reported to the House and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time.

The bill to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States, by the purchasers of Public Lands, made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The bill for the relief of Amasa Stetson, together with the amendment reported thereto by the Committee of Claims; and on the question to agree to the said amendment, viz: At the end of the bill to insert the following section.

"Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the said Amasa Stetson, five hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-five cents, being for interest on two warrants issued in his favour in 1814, and 1815, until paid; also one thousand three hundred and eleven

dollars and thirty-three cents, being for interest on two thousand and eighty-one dollars and forty-nine cents, paid by the said Amasa Stetson, as interest on moneys loaned him for the use of the government during the late war; and also six hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents, being the discount on Treasury notes paid him in the year 1815; it was determined in the negative, yeas 15, nays 16.

YEAS, 15.—Messrs. Barton, D'Wolf, Dickerson, Elliott, Hayne, Holmes, of Maine, Johnson, of Ken. Knight, Lauman, Lloyd, of Mass. Lowrie, Mills, Parrott, Seymour, Thomas.

NAYS, 16.—Messrs. Bell, Branch, Chandler, Clayton, Eaton, Edwards, of Conn. Gaillard, Kelly, King, of Ala. Macon, Noble, Palmer, Ruggles, Taylor, of Va. Van Dyke, Williams. *Adjourned*.

Thursday, March 11th, 1824—Seventieth day.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Lou. submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a naval depot at Pensacola, or at such place in the vicinity of it as may, in their opinion, be most advantageous to the United States.

Mr. HOLMES, of Maine, submitted the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the commencement of the next session of Congress at an earlier period than the first Monday in December next.

Mr. ELLIOTT presented the preamble and resolutions adopted at a convention of the citizens of Oglethorpe county, in Georgia, remonstrating against the passage of the bill now before Congress, to increase the duties on imports, as unconstitutional and destructive of the agricultural and commercial interests of the country; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. BROWN, from the select Committee on Roads and Canals, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act, to procure the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates upon the subject of roads and canals," reported it without amendment.

Mr. VAN BUREN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subjects were referred, by a resolution of the Senate of the 15th of December last, reported a bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States, and provide for the holding of circuit courts; and a bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States; read, and severally ordered to a second reading.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act, to define the boundary line between the Edwardsville and Springfield land districts, in the state of Illinois;" was read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill regulating the transportation of gold and silver bullion, specie, and jewels, and carrying of passengers, and to prohibit the receipt of merchandise in the public vessels of the United States, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Linsey, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and PASSED.

The bill, entitled "An act, for the relief of Sarah Venable and Jane Morgan, having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time, and PASSED.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Amasa Stetson; Mr. JOHNSON, of Lou. in the chair, and no amendment having been made thereto, it was reported to the House; and the bill having been amended, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time: the said bill was reported by the Committee correctly engrossed.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Dean Weymouth, and the same having been amended, it was reported to the House, and the amendment being concurred in, on the question, "Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?" It was determined in the affirmative, yeas 21, nays 16.

YEAS, 21.—Messrs. Barton, Chandler, Clayton, D'Wolf, Eaton, Hayne, Holmes, of Maine, Holmes, of Miss. Jackson, Johnson, of Ky. Johnson, of Lou. Lanman, Mills, Palmer, Parrott, Seymour, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, of Ind. Van Buren, Van Dyke.

NAYS, 16.—Messrs. Bell, Branch, Edwards, Gaillard, Kelly, King, of Ala. King, of N. Y. Knight, Lloyd, of Md. Lowrie, Macon, Noble, Ruggles, Taylor, of Vir Ware, Williams.

The bill to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due the United States, by the purchasers of public lands; laid on the table.

The bill explanatory of an act, confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile. *Adjourned.*

Friday, March 12th, 1824.—Seventy-first day.

The Hon. JOSIAH S. JOHNSTON, appointed a Senator by the state of Louisiana, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the honourable James Brown, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion by Mr. LOWRIE, *Ordered* That three hundred additional copies of the report of the Secretary of State, of the 27th of January last on domestic manufactures, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. BELL, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Reuben Colburn, made a report accompanied by the resolution, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted. The report and resolution were read and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. BELL, *Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of James Thomas, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. MILLS presented additional evidence in support of the claim of Martin Lincoln and Ann F. Humphreys; read and referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion by Mr. BARTON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Jonas Alford.

Mr. PARROTT presented the petition of Henry S. Langdon, late navy agent at Portsmouth, N. H. praying remuneration for losses sustained by him on treasury notes; read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. LLOYD, of Md. presented the memorial of Benjamin Ferguson and others, citizens of Maryland, praying the erection of additional light houses on Chesapeake Bay; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Lou. gave notice that he would, on Monday next, ask leave to bring in a bill, to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor General for the lands of the United States for the state of Louisiana, and one Surveyor General for the state of Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. TALBOT, *Ordered*, That the Message received from the President of the United States on the 28d December last, on the subject of the longitude of the Capitol be printed for the use of the Senate.

The engrossed bill, entitled "An act, for the relief of Amasa Stetson, was read the third time and PASSED.

The bill, entitled "An act, for the relief of Dean Weymouth," having been reported by the Committee correctly engrossed, was read the third time and PASSED.

The bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States, and to provide for the holding of circuit courts; and the bill further to amend the judicial system of the United States, were severally read the second time.

On motion by Mr. VAN BUREN, *Ordered*, That the last mentioned bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on Naval Affairs, to enquire into the expediency of establishing a naval depot at or near Pensacola: and agreed thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion of yesterday, to instruct the Committee on the Judiciary to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for an earlier meeting of the next session of Congress; and the same having been amended, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill explanatory of an act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile—Mr. HAYNE in the chair; ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendment proposed thereto. Mr. TALBOT proposed a further amendment to the bill; it was then, on his motion, postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The bill to repeal in part, the act, entitled "An act, to enable the people of the Alabama Territory to form a constitution and

state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states;" and, on motion by Mr. VAN BUREN, that the bill be recommitted with certain instructions: *Ordered*, That the said bill and motion lie on the table. *Adjourned.*

Monday, March 15th, 1824.—Seventy-second day.

Agreeably to notice given, Mr. H. JOHNSON asked, and obtained leave to bring in a bill to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor General of the lands of the United States, for the state of Louisiana, and one Surveyor General of the lands of the United States for the state of Mississippi; read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. ELLIOTT presented the memorial of Ezekiel Wimberly, in behalf of the citizens of Twiggs county, in Georgia, and the remonstrance of Thomas Foard and other citizens, of Baldwin county, Georgia, severally remonstrating against the passage of the bill now before Congress, to increase the duties on imports as unconstitutional, and highly injurious to the agricultural and commercial interests of the country; read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. BENTON presented the petition of Charles S. Henipstead and others, members of the bar, in the state of Missouri, praying that the times appointed for holding the District Court, in that state, may be changed; read, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. BENTON, *Ordered*, That the Committee on Military Affairs, be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Samuel J. Axson.

On motion by Mr. LLOYD, of Mass. *Ordered*, That two hundred copies of the Documents referred to in the Message of the President of the United States, of the 24th of February last, on the subject of the Claim of Massachusetts, for militia services, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. JACKSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the trustees of the town of St. Charles, in Missouri, made a report, which was read and considered, and in concurrence therewith, it was *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Joint Library Committee, on the memorial of Way and Gideon, and of Edward De Kraft; and in concurrence therewith, *Ordered*, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, on the petition of Reuben Colburn.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, and providing for the discipline thereof—Mr. DICKERSON in the chair; ordered to lie on the table.

After the consideration of Executive business, *Adjourned.*

Tuesday, March 16th, 1824.—Seventy-third day.

Mr. SMITH, from Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Low and others, made a report accompanied by the resolution, that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

Mr. SMITH, from the same Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Charles Gwinn, of Baltimore, made a report, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion, *Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. RUGGLES, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Martin Lincoln and Ann F. Humphreys, reported a bill to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Benj. Lincoln and others; read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. LOWRIE presented the memorial of Elijah Van Syckle, of Philadelphia, praying that the duties which accrued on the importation of a quantity of sugar, may be remitted, in consideration of the said sugar having been afterwards destroyed by fire; read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill to provide for the appointment of a Surveyor General of the lands of the United States, for the State of Louisiana, and one Surveyor General for the lands of the United States for the State of Mississippi, was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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The bill last brought up for concurrence, was twice read by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the whole, the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt, together with the amendments proposed thereto, Mr. SMITH in the chair; and after progress, on motion, *Adjourned*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[CONTINUED FROM FOLIO 284.]

On motion of Mr. COCKE, *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending an act, entitled "An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts," approved the 3d March, 1817, so as to reduce the number of auditors or accounting officers of the government.

On motion of Mr. COCKE, *Resolved* That the Committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of prohibiting by law, the employment of any person except a citizen of the United States, in any of the departments of the government.

On motion of Mr. BARTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce enquire into the expediency of erecting a buoy at the mouth of Scappernong river, in Albemarle Sound; and also, a floating light on the long shoal in Pamlico Sound.

On motion of Mr. TRACY, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to enquire what farther legislative provisions are fit and necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the act of Congress, passed March 3d, 1817, entitled "An act, to amend the act, authorizing the payment for property lost, captured or destroyed, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the 9th April, 1816, and that said Committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise; Messrs. TRACY, LIVINGSTON, HAYDEN, DWIGHT, MARVIN, NEALE, and LETCHER, were appointed a Committee agreeably to said resolution.

On motion of Mr. TEN EYCK, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of discontinuing so much of the post road from Rome to Brownsville, as lies between Brownsville and Sackett's Harbour.

On motion of Mr. MOORE, of Ala. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making an appropriation adequate to the repair of the post Road leading from Nashville to New-Orleans, usually called "the Military Road."

Ordered, That the petition of John Fleichman, of Florida, which is now lying upon the table, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Suffolk, in the state of New-York, as also of the petition of sundry other inhabitants of the same county counter thereto, presented on the 2d ult. and that they be referred to the Post Master General.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union in general, under consideration, and in particular a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports; and had come to no resolution thereon.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT his Secretary. [See folio 276.]

The following bills were received from the Senate, viz:

1st. An act to enable the holders of French, British and Spanish titles to lands within that part of the state of Louisiana, situate to the east of the Mississippi river and island of New-Orleans, which have not been recognized as valid by the government of the United States, to institute proceedings to try the validity thereof.

2d. An act authorizing the Register of the Land Office for the Western District of the state of Louisiana, to report upon certain land claims within the said district.

3d. An act to amend an act, entitled "an act, for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

4th. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Andrew Mitchell, deceased.

5th. An act to change the terms of the District Court of the United States for the Kentucky district, in which several bills the Senate ask the concurrence of this House. The Senate have received official information that the President of the United States did, on the 28th ult. approve and sign an act to regulate the surveying the public and private lands in the southern part of Alabama; and then he withdrew.

The said bills were respectively read the first and second time and referred;

1st. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

2d. To the Committee on the Public Lands.

3d. To the Committee for the District of Columbia.

4th. To the Committee of Ways and Means.

5th. To the Committee on the Judiciary. *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, March 9, 1824.—Seventy-first day.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made a report on the petition of Joseph Dixon, which was read; when it was *Resolved*, That the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Dixon, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. LITTLE, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Johnson Cook; read, and laid on the table.

Mr. KIDDER, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Hugh Black; also laid on the table.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Landie Richardson, accompanied by a bill for his relief; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of East Florida, referred yesterday, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions be discharged from the consideration of the cases of James Cowing, David Evans, Jesse Thompson, John Blake, and Joseph Atut, and that leave be given to withdraw the same; also from the consideration of the petitions of Moses Smith, and Samuel M'Connell, and that they be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of the petition of inhabitants of Somerset county, in the state of Pennsylvania, and that it be referred to the Post Master General.

Mr. CARTER, by leave of the House, presented remonstrances from inhabitants of the district of Kershaw, and of the town of Camden, in the state of South Carolina, against the passage of the bill now pending in this House, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports; which remonstrances were referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the state of the Union, to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. FLOYD laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, on to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House the accounts of all the Generals of the Army; likewise of the Inspector-General, the Adjutant General, the Chiefs of the Engineer and Ordnance Corps, and the Surveyor General, for the two years preceding the 30th of September last, shewing the amount of money paid to each under the different heads of pay proper, brevet pay, rations, single and double, fuel, straw quarters, transportation, and all other extra and contingent allowances, as well as the amount paid for rations, pay and clothes for servants.

Mr. COCKE laid the following resolution on the table for consideration on to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House the names of all the officers of the army who have been brevetted, stating their lenial rank and brevet rank, when brevetted, and the amount of money paid to each on account of his brevet rank, and when paid.

Mr. SIBLEY moved the following: "*Resolved*, That the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of placing on the pension roll, under such restrictions as those who served nine months, that class of soldiers of the army of the United States who served in the war of the revolution eight months, commencing in the spring of the year 1775, who are, or hereafter may, by reason of reduced circumstances in life, be in need of assistance from their country for support;" read, and disagreed to by the House.

Mr. BRECK submitted the following joint resolution: *Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure from Rencbrandt Peale, of Philadelphia, a Portrait of Washington, to be placed in the Capitol, provided the same can be obtained for a sum not exceeding — dollars; the said resolution was read the first time.

Ordered, That the bill to provide for the sale of lands conveyed to the United States in certain cases and for other purposes, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that the report from the Secretary of the Treasury received yesterday, in relation to lands purchased on behalf of the United States, be also referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Mr. WHITE, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a distributing post office in Frankfort, in Kentucky, and also into the propriety of allowing additional compensation to the postmaster at the same place.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriation, for the support of government for the year 1824; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill. *Adjourned*.

Wednesday, March 10th, 1824.—Seventy-second day.

Mr. EDWARDS, of N. C. from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Giles Reed, William Bowen, Nathaniel Jackson, Elkanah Danforth, and George Moyer, which reports were severally laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the Committee of Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Richard Frisby; laid on the table.

Mr. RICH, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Joseph and Elizabeth Randall; laid on the table.

Mr. RICH, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of David Cooper, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the consideration of the petition of William Russum and Clement Stanford, and that it be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. EDDY, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Martha and John Strong; read, and laid on the table.

Mr. ARTHUR SMITH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Thomas Calderwood; read, and laid on the table.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which the subject had been referred, reported a bill concerning the distribution of arms to the militia; accompanied by a detailed report; which bill was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. NEWTON, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of the citizens of Norfolk, in the state of Virginia, remonstrating against the passage of the bill pending in this House, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports; which was referred to the Committee of the whole House, to which the said bill is committed.

Mr. SLOANE, by leave of the House, presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the state of Ohio, upon the subject of the lands set apart in that state for the support of schools, which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The joint resolution authorizing the purchase of Peale's portrait of General Washington, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The resolutions laid on the table yesterday by Mr. FLOYD, [see fol. 294.] and by Mr. COCKE, [see fol. 294.] were taken up read and agreed to by the House.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1824; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made further progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House have leave sit again on said bill. *Adjourned.*

Thursday, March 11th, 1824.—Seventy-third day.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Daniel Merrill and Jane Barker; laid on the table.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the Register of the Land Office, for the western district of the State of Louisiana, to report upon certain land claims within said district," reported the same without amendment.

Ordered, that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands be discharged from the consideration of petitions of Morgan Magness, Samuel H. Saunders, John Cameron, and Ann Bishop; and that leave be given to withdraw the same.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to alter the Judicial districts of Virginia, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WHIPPLE, from the Committee on the Public Lands, made an unfavourable report on the petition of James Steptor and others; laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. COOK, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Carmi to M'Leansborough, in Illinois.

Mr. ALLEN, of Mass. submitted the following joint resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to close this session by adjournment of their respective Houses, on the ——— day of April next; read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. FLOYD, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so changing the post route from Giles Courthouse, to Barboursville, in Cabell County, Virginia, that it may pass from Charles D'Engus' by Logan Courthouse.

On motion of Mr. M'LANE, of Del. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into expediency of making suitable provision for the accommodation of the Courts of the United States, at Charleston, South Carolina, and in the several States of the Union.

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to enquire into the expediency of vesting in the corporation of the city of New-Orleans, all the right of the United States to the streets, squares, and roads, in the city of New-Orleans; and also, to all the lands lying within the limits of the city, which, by the original plan thereof, was left vacant between the houses and lots fronting the Levee and the river.

On motion of Mr. LIVINGSTON, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to examine and report, whether it is expedient to provide by law, for making the system of practice in the Courts of the United States, in the district of Louisiana, conformable to that of the State Courts in that State.

Ordered, That leave be given to withdraw the petitions and documents of Martha and John Strong, as also the petition of John M'Mahon.

Ordered, That the petition of David Cummings be again referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House, to which is committed the joint resolution authorizing the purchase of Peale's portrait of General Washington, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that it be referred to a select Committee, consisting of Messrs. BRECK, UDREE, MERCER, SIBLEY, M'DUFFIE, METCALFE, and M'ARTHUR.

Mr. COBB, by leave of the House, presented a remonstrance of the citizens of the County of Putnam, in the State of Georgia, against the passage of the bill pending in this House, to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports; committed to the Committee of the whole on the state of the Union, to which the said bill is committed.

A motion was made by Mr. STEWART, that the House do now proceed to consider the resolution moved by him on the 27th ultimo, to change the hour of meeting, from 12 to 11 o'clock in the forenoon; and, on the question, Will the House consider the said resolution? It passed in the affirmative, Yeas 99, Nays 57.

YEAS, 99.—Messrs. Abbot, Allison, Barber, of Con. Blair, Brown, Buchanan, Buckner, Campbell, of S. C. Campbell of Ohio, Carter, Cary, Cassidy, Collins,

Condict, Conner, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Day, Durfee, Edwards, of N. C. Farrelly, Findlay, Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Gazlay, Gist, Harris, Henry, Herkimer, Hogeboom, Hooks, Ingham, Isacs, Jenkins, J. T. Johnson, Kidder, Kreamer, Lathrop, Lawrence, Leftwich, Letcher, Lincoln, Litchfield, Livingston, Long, M'Arthur, M'Kean, M'Lean, of Ohio, Martindale, Mitchell, of Penn. Moore, of Ken. Moore, of Ala. Morgan, O'Brien, Owen, Patterson, of Penn. Patterson, of Ohio, Plumer, of N. H. Plumer, of Penn. Reynolds, Richards, Rich, Rogers, Rose, Sandford, Sharpe, Sibley, Arthur Smith, Wm. Smith, Standefer, Sterling, Stewart, Strong, Swan, Taylor, Test, Thompson, of Ken. Tod, Tomlinson, Tracy, Trimble, Tyson, Vance, of Ohio, Vinton, Wayne, Whitman, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams, of N. Y. James Wilson, Henry Wilson, Wilson, of Ohio, Wood, and Woods.

NAYS, 57.—Messrs. Alexander, of Va. Alexander, of Tenn. Allen, of Mass. Allen, of Tenn. Archer, Baylies, J. S. Barbour, Bassett, Brent, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Clark, Cobb, Cocke, Cushman, Cuthbert, Dwinell, Dwight, Eaton, Edwards, of Penn. Floyd, Foote, of N. Y. Forsythe, Gurley, Hayden, Hayward, Herrick, Holcombe, Livermore, M'Coy, M'Kim, M'Lane, of Del. Mangum, Mallary, Mercer, Nelson, Newton, Poinsett, Rankin, Reed, Saunders, Scott, Sloan, Spaight, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Stoddard, Ten Eyck, Thompson, of Geo. Udree, Vance, of N. C. Van Rensselaer, Whipple, Williams, of Va. and Williams, of N. C.

The question was then stated to agree to the said resolution, and was debated until the arrival of the hour for passing to the orders of the day.

Mr. COOK presented the petition of Jacob Short, late a captain of volunteer mounted militia, in the Territory of Illinois, praying remuneration for sundry disbursements made in 1812, for the support of the company under his command; referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1824; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, reported, that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made further progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole have leave to sit again on the said bill. *Adjourned.*

Friday, March 12th, 1824.—Seventy-fourth day.

Mr. M'Coy, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the case of Peter Yendes, accompanied by a bill for his relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. M'Coy, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Francis Zock; laid on the table.

Mr. RICH, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Lewis Rouse; laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of N. C. from the same Committee, made unfavourable reports on the petitions of John Perkins and Timothy Curren; laid on the table.

Mr. M'LANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Andrew Mitchell, deceased," reported the same without amendment. *Ordered*, that said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported a bill for the relief of Jacques Myotte, Francois Charpenkie, and Jean Baptiste Laducier; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made unfavourable reports on the cases of Origen Eaton and Rebecca Boardman; ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. STEWART, on the 27th ult. (and which was depending yesterday at the time of passing to the orders of the day) to change the hour of meeting from 12 to 11 o'clock in the forenoon. And on the question, "Shall the House agree to the said resolution?" it was determined in the negative.

Mr. FLOYD laid the following resolution on the table for consideration to-morrow, viz: *Resolved*, That the thirty-first rule of the House be expunged.

The said 31st rule is as follows: "A motion to adjourn shall be always in order after four o'clock P. M. but before that hour it shall not be in order if there be at the time any question pending before the House; and that the motion to lie on the table, shall be decided without debate."

Bills from the Senate of the following titles, viz.

1st, An act for the relief of Sarah Venable and Jane Morgan. 2d, An act for the benefit of Alfred Moore and Sterling Orgain, assignees of Morris Linsey. 3d, An act to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office. 4th, An act for the gradual supply of cannon, bombs, howitz, shot, shells, and materials for carriages for the fortifications and other purposes. 5th, An act regulating the transportation of gold and silver, bullion, specie, and jewels; and carrying of passengers, and to prohibit the receipt of merchandise in the Public vessels of the United States; were respectively read the first and second time, and referred; the 1st to the Committee on Military Affairs; the 2d to the Committee of Claims; the 3d to the Committee on the Public Lands; the 4th to the Committee on Military Affairs; the 5th to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. LONGFELLOW, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of removing the Courts of the United States, which are now holden at Wiscasset, in the state of Maine, to Portland, in the same state.

Mr. RANKIN laid the following resolution on the table for consideration, to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury, be directed to inform this House, at the next session of Congress, whether the number of Land Offices in the United States, may not be diminished by consolidating the land districts, or otherwise without any injury to the public interest or mutual inconvenience to individuals; and that he report such a plan for the location of the land offices

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On motion of Mr. SPAIGHT, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of erecting a light-house on Shell Castle Island, in Pamlico Sound.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year 1824; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, reported the same with amendments. *Adjourned.*

Saturday, March 13th, 1824.—Seventy-fifth day.

Mr. McLANE, of Del. from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on so much of the petition of David Beard, as relates to the loss of merchandise brought into the United States, from Canada in 1812, after the commencement of the late war with Great Britain, accompanied by a bill for the relief of said Beard; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Thomas Porter, of South-Carolina; laid on the table.

Mr. PLUMER, of N. H. from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a message from the President upon the subject, reported a bill confirming certain acts of James Miller, as Governor of the territory of Arkansas, and for other purposes; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. RANKIN yesterday, was taken up, read and agreed to.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. FLOYD yesterday, was taken up, read and modified by consent of the mover to read as follows:

Resolved, That the thirty-first rule of this House be expunged, except so much thereof as provides that a motion to adjourn and a motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate. And on the question, will the House agree to the said resolution. It passed in the affirmative, yeas 95, nays 89.

YEAS, 95.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, Va. Alexander, Tenn. Allen, Mass. Archer, Baillies, P. P. Barbour, J. S. Barbour, Bartlett, Brent, Buck, Burton, Cady, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Cary, Clark, Cobb, Cocke, Collins, Conner, Culpeper, Cushman, Cuthbert, Day, Durfee, Dwinell, Eaton, Eddy, Edwards, Penn. Edwards, N. C. Floyd, Foot, Conn. Forsyth, Frost, Gist, Govan, Gurley, Hall, Hamilton, Harvey, Hayden, Hayward, Herrick, Hobart, Hooks, Jennings, F. Johnson, Lathrop, Leftwich, Litchfield, Livermore, Livingston, Locke, McCoy, McDuffie, McKee, McLane, Del. Mangum, Mallary, Moore, Ala. Morgan, Nelson, Newton, Plumer, N. H. Poinsett, Prince, Randolph, Rankin, Reed, Reynolds, Richards, Rives, Rose, Saunders, Sanford, Scott, Sharpe, Sibley, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spaight, A. Stevenson, J. Stevenson, Ten Eyck, Thompson, Geo. Tomlinson, Tucker, Va. Tucker, S. C. Vance, N. C. Van Rensselaer, Williams, N. Y. Williams, Va. Williams, N. C. and Wilson, S. C.

NAYS, 89.—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Conn. Bassett, Beecher, Blair, Breck, Brown, Buchanan, Buckner, Burleigh, Campbell, Ohio, Cassidy, Condict, Cook, Crafts, Craig, Crowninshield, Dwight, Ellis, Farrelly, Findlay, Foote, N. Y. Fuller, Garrison, Gatlin, Gazlay, Harris, Henry, Herkimer, Hogeboom, Holcombe, Ingham, Isacks, Jenkins, J. T. Johnson, Kent, Kidder, Kreamer, Lawrence, Lincoln, Little, Long, Longfellow, McArthur, McKean, McKim, McLane, Ohio, Markley, Martindale, Marvin, Matlack, Matson, Mercer, Mitchell, Pen. Moore, Ken. O'Brien, Owen, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Rich, Rogers, Ross, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Standefer, Stewart, Storrs, Strong, Swan, Taylor, Thompson, Ken. Tod, Tracy, Trimble, Tyson, Udree, Vance, Ohio, Vinton, Wayne, Whipple, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Henry Wilson, Wilson, Ohio, Wood, and Wright.

The said 31st rule, as thus amended, is as follows: "A motion to adjourn shall be always in order; that motion and the motion to lie on the table shall be decided without debate."

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Commissioners of Navy Hospitals, made in obedience to a resolution of this House of the 20th of January last, which was read and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Amasa Stetson," was read twice, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Dean Weymouth," was read twice, and referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Mr. COCKE, by leave of the House, presented a petition of Daniel Palmer, praying for an increase of pension; referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the whole House, to the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year 1824; and the said amendments being read, were in part concurred in by the House.

The question was then put on concurring in the amendment which proposed to insert the following item: "for finishing the north Portico of the President's House, twenty-six thousand dollars," and was determined in the negative, yeas 65, nays 115.

YEAS, 65.—Messrs. Abbot, Alexander, Va. Allison, Archer, J. S. Barbour, Bartlett, Breck, Brent, Brown, Burton, Cambreleng, Campbell, S. C. Cobb, Cook, Crowninshield, Cushman, Durfee, Dwinell, Dwight, Ellis, Farrelly, Forsyth, Fuller, Govan, Gurley, Hamilton, Hayward, Kent, Lincoln, Longfellow, McDuffie, McKee, McKim, McLane, Del. Markley, Martindale, Mercer, Miller, Moore, Ala. Morgan, Nelson, Newton, Plumer, N. H. Poinsett, Reed, Reynolds, Rives, Rose, Saunders, Sharpe, Stoddard, Strong, Taylor, Ten Eyck,

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NAYS, 115.—Messrs. Alexander, Tenn. Allen, Tenn. Baylies, Barber, Conn. P. P. Barbour, Bassett, Beecher, Blair, Buchanan, Buck, Buckner, Burleigh, Cady, Campbell, Ohio, Carter, Cary, Clark, Cocke, Collins, Condict, Conner, Crafts, Craig, Culpeper, Cuthbert, Day, Edwards, Penn. Edwards, N. C. Findlay, Floyd, Foot, Conn. Foote, N. Y. Frost, Garrison, Gatlin, Gazlay, Gist, Hall, Harris, Hayden, Henry, Herrick, Hogeboom, Hooks, Houston, Ingham, Isacks, Jennings, J. T. Johnson, F. Johnson, Kidder, Kreamer, Lathrop, Lawrence, Leftwich, Letcher, Litchfield, Livermore, Livingston, Long, McArthur McCoy, McKean, McLean, Ohio, Mangum, Marvin, Matlack, Matson, Metcalfe, Moore, Ken. O'Brien, Owen, Patterson, Penn. Patterson, Ohio, Plumer, Penn. Prince, Randolph, Rankin, Richards, Rich, Rogers, Ross, Sanford, Scott, Sibley, Sloan, Arthur Smith, Alex. Smyth, Wm. Smith, Spaight, Standefer, A. Stevenson, J. Stephenson, Swan, Thompson, Geo. Thompson, Ken. Tomlinson, Trimble, Tucker, S. C. Tyson, Udree, Vance, Ohio, Vinton, Webster, Whittlesey, White, Wickliffe, Williams, N. Y. Williams, Va. Williams, N. C. James Wilson, Henry Wilson, Wilson, S. C. and Wilson, Ohio.

And the question was then stated to concur with the Committee of the whole in adding the following proviso to the 3d section of the bill.

And provided also, That no person receiving an annual salary from the government of the United States, shall receive any thing in addition thereto for any official services whatever, by way of perquisites or extra compensation; except fees of office which may be established by law."

Mr. FOOT, of Conn. moved to amend the said proviso, by inserting therein after the word "whatever," these words "appertaining to the office for which said salary shall be received;" this amendment was disagreed to by the House, and the House then concurred with the Committee of the whole in their agreement to the said proviso.

The question was then stated to concur with the Committee of the whole in striking out the following words, in lines 314 and 315, "also for two years salary of the Charge des Affaires of Madrid;" and inserting between the words Madrid and Stockholm, the following: "from the 3d March to the 4th November, 1823, and also for the Charge des Affaires at," when Mr. GAZLAY moved to amend the said item by striking out the words "Madrid and Lisbon" in line 313. *Adjourned.*

Monday, March 15th, 1824.—Seventy-sixth day.

The following petitions and memorials were presented and referred:

Paul Dudley, Sargeant of the state of Maine, praying to be restored to the roll of revolutionary pensioners, from which he has been stricken in consequence of the estimated value of his property:—By Mr. O'BRIEN.

John White, a revolutionary pensioner, praying to be allowed arrearages of pension:—By Mr. HERRICK.

Jonas Rumsey, of the state of New-York, praying to be placed on the roll of revolutionary pensioners:—By Mr. CRAIG.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.

Sundry owners and masters of vessels, in the state of Connecticut, praying that buoys may be placed on a reef of rocks in Long Island Sound, called the Hen and Chickens:—By Mr. TOMLINSON.

Commissioners of the town of New-Castle, in the state of Delaware, praying for the aid of the general government in erecting additional piers in the harbour of said town:—By Mr. McLANE, of Del.

Ordered That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Peter Thacher Von, praying for the aid and patronage of Congress, in the publication of the third edition of state papers originally published by Thomas B. Wait, which memorial was referred to the Joint Committee on the Library:—By Mr. CUSHMAN.

On motion of Mr. BUCK, *Ordered*, That the petition of Moses Cadwell heretofore presented on the 15th of December, 1819, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Joseph Bemis, guardian of Albert G. Bemis, a minor heir of Henry S. Bemis, a soldier in the late war, praying to be allowed to commute the bounty land to which the said minor is entitled in virtue of the services of his father for five years half pay of a soldier; referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:—By Mr. FULLER.

Emanuel J. West, in the state of Illinois, praying for the pre-emption right in the purchase of a tract of land in the territory of Arkansas, on the terms and conditions mentioned in the said petition, to be used for the cultivation of the vine; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands:—By Mr. MALLARY.

John McIntire, Lemuel Wilcox and James Stewart, of the state of New-York, praying to be reimbursed for losses sustained in a contract entered into by the petitioners to erect fortifications at Niagara, for reasons set forth in the petition:—By Mr. CADY.

William Delany, of the state of Virginia, stating that having lodged information with the proper officer against certain persons committing frauds on the government of the United States, he was recognized to appear as a witness against the criminals, and praying payment for the time he was detained under the recognizance:—By Mr. ALEXANDER, of Va.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. OWEN, *Ordered*, That the petitions of Colonel Samuel Dale heretofore presented to this House, and the petitions of Jack F. Ross, presented on the 20th January, 1820, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Thomas Burke, of New-York, a soldier in the army in the late war, praying for a pension:—By Mr. CADY.

Horman Fisher, of the state of New-York, praying for an increase of his pension:—By Mr. ADAMS.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims.

Garret Putnam, of the state of New-York, administrator on the estate of Abraham Garrison, praying payment for two loan office certificates issued during the revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means;—By Mr. CADY.

Sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania; Also, of *sundry farmers* of the state of Pennsylvania;—By Mr. MARKLEY.

Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Society for the encouragement of American manufactures, praying, respectively, that such a revision of the tariff of duties on imports, may be made, as will afford efficient protection and encouragement of the manufactures of the country;—By Mr. MILLER.

Citizens of Jackson county, in the state of Georgia, remonstrating against the alteration of the tariff, as proposed in the memorials before mentioned;—By Mr. THOMPSON, of Geo.

Ordered, That the said memorials be committed to the Committee of the whole House on the state of the Union, to which is committed the bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports.

Inhabitants of the county of Tioga, in the state of Pennsylvania, praying that the Court contemplated to be established by the bill now pending in this House, to alter the judicial districts of Pennsylvania, may be holden in the town of Williamsport; which was committed to the Committee of the whole House, to which the said bill is committed;—By Mr. M'KEAN.

Inhabitants of the Niagara Frontier, praying compensation for losses sustained in the late war with Great Britain; referred to the Select Committee appointed on the 6th instant, upon the subject to which the said petition relates;—By Mr. MARVIN.

John Revere, in the City of Baltimore, agent for supplying the army with vaccine matter, praying that the privilege of franking may be extended to him in his official character; referred to the Committee of the Whole, to which is committed the bill concerning vaccination;—By Mr. LITTLE.

Inhabitants of Kent Island, in Queen Anne county, in Maryland;—By Mr. HAYWARD.

Inhabitants of Abbeville District, in the state of South-Carolina, praying respectively for the establishment of post roads; referred to the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads;—By Mr. M'DUFFIE.

Moses Shepard, of the state of Virginia, praying to be allowed additional compensation for work done and materials furnished on the Cumberland Road; referred to the Committee appointed on so much of the President's Message as related to said road;—By Mr. JOHNSON, of Va.

Eliel Fobes, of the state of Ohio, stating that a patent had been granted to him for land to which he was entitled as a soldier in the army in the late war, in the name of John Wilkinson, and praying that he may be authorized to make a conveyance of said land in his proper name;—By Mr. M'LEAN, of Ohio.

Moses Foster, jr. of the state of Mississippi, a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians, praying that his title to a tract of land to which he conceives himself entitled under the treaty with said tribe, concluded on the 18th of October, 1820, may be confirmed;—By Mr. RANKIN.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Sarah Drew, widow of John Drew, late a sailing master in the navy of the United States, praying to be placed on the list of navy pensioners; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs;—By Mr. FULLER.

Ordered, That the petition of William Biggs be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands, with additional documents presented this day by Mr. COOK.

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Collins be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary, with additional documents presented this day by Mr. STEWART.

Mr. M'LANE, of Delaware, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill, authorizing the employment of additional clerks and certain messengers and assistants, and other persons in the several departments; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. M'LANE, from the same Committee, made a report on the petition of Mary H. Hawkins, accompanied by a bill for her relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. M'LANE also made an unfavourable report on the petition of Samuel Haley and others; laid on the table.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to change the terms of the District Court of the United States for the Kentucky district, reported the same without amendment; ordered that the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, made an unfavourable report on the petition of Samuel M'Connell; laid on the table.

Mr. WILLIAMS, of North-Carolina, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Thomas L. Ogden and others, accompanied by a bill for their relief; read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the same Committee, made an unfavourable report on the case of Luther Chapin; laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. COOK, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing Matthew Duncan to change his location of the south west quarter of section No. 22, in township No. 9, south of range No. 4 west, to some other quarter section; it having been located through mistake.

Mr. BUCK moved the following: *Resolved*, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to report to this House, whether any law exists in contravention of the provisions of the convention of the 3d of July, 1815, made between this country and Great Britain; also to inquire into the expediency of countervailing by law, any duties on American tonnage, which Great Britain

may lay thereon contrary to the stipulations contained in the aforesaid convention. The said resolution was read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. GURLEY, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law, for removing the obstructions to the navigation of the river Iberville, in the state of Louisiana, placed in said river during the late war, by order of the commanding general of the southern division of the army of the United States.

On motion of Mr. JENNINGS, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Roads and Canals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of aiding the state of Indiana to open a canal at the falls of the Ohio, in conformity to an act of the General Assembly of said state; approved, January 31st, 1824.

On motion of Mr. COCKE, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire and report whether any arrangements can be made by which the letters addressed to the members of Congress while in session, can be delivered at an earlier hour and at less expense; and whether the privilege given to members of Congress to frank letters ought not to be extended.

On motion of Mr. OWEN, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so altering the post routes to Henry, Pike, and Covington Courthouse, in Alabama, as to establish the most practicable routes for the main mail route through the Creek nation of Indians to the above named places; and further to inquire into the expediency of establishing the most direct and practicable route from Mobile to New-Orleans.

Mr. RANKIN laid the following resolution on the table, for consideration to-morrow, viz:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House, if any of the Commissioners appointed for the examination of titles and claims to land in the territory of Florida, have received in advance any part of the compensation allowed by law for the performance of the duties required of them, previously to the performance of those duties; or without having performed any service for such advance; and if any such advances have been made, that he be requested to state under the provisions of what law they were so made, with the amount, the time when, and to whom advanced; but if advanced without any law authorizing the same, that a copy of any order or authority, if any there be, by virtue of which any sum of money may have been drawn from the Treasury of the United State, be furnished this House.

On motion of Mr. TUCKER, of Va. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Petersburg, in Virginia, to the town of Danville, in the same state.

Mr. OWEN moved the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the District Judge of the District of Alabama; read and disagreed to by the House.

Mr. STEWART moved the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing for the sale of the public lots and public lands belonging to the United States, in the District of Columbia, and that the proceeds be appropriated to the first section of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, between this city and Cumberland; read, and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. HAYDEN, *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Fullum's basin on the Erie Canal, to Penfield, in the County of Monroe, and from thence either to Rochester or Pittsfield, in said County.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the Committee of the whole to the bill making appropriations for the support of government, for the year 1824, which were undetermined on Saturday last; and the question recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. GAZLAY, to an amendment made by the Committee of the whole, and being stated, Mr. GAZLAY withdrew his amendment; and all the amendments to the said bill remaining undetermined, were then concurred in by the House, and it was *Ordered*, That the said bill be engrossed and read a third time to-day.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. CONDUCT reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union in general under consideration, and in particular a bill to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, and had come to no resolution thereon.

An engrossed bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1824," was read the third time and passed. *Adjourned*.

Tuesday, March 16th, 1824.—Seventy-eighth day.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the consideration of the petition of Thomas Collins, as also from the petition of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery; for the relief of free negroes unlawfully held in bondage, and for improving the condition of the African race; and that they be laid on the table: Also from the consideration of the petition of sundry inhabitants of East Florida, upon the subject of negroes claimed by Indians; and that it be referred to the Secretary of War.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition of Talman I. Waters, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition; which report was concurred in by the House.

Mr. RANKIN, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were on the 31st of December last, instructed to enquire into the right and title of the United States, in and to one township of land, reserved for certain purposes in the contract entered into with John C. Symmes, as mentioned in the laws passed in 1792 and 1803, relating thereto; made a report thereon; laid on the table.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the petition of John Johnson, Indian Agent, in the state of Ohio, reported a bill reserving to the Wyandot tribe of Indians, a certain tract of land in lieu of a reservation made to them by treaty; which was read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

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Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which the subject was referred by resolution on the 10th of February, ultimo, reported a bill confirming certain claims to lands in the western district of Louisiana; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. RANKIN, from the same Committee, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the employing of certain assistants in the General Land Office," reported the same without amendment; ordered to a third reading to-morrow.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, made a report on the petition of Solomon Sibley; accompanied by a bill for his relief; read twice, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the consideration of the petitions of Jacob Short, Moses Cadwell, John Andrews, George Keller, Samuel Cleveland, jun. William B. Ligon; and that they be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Sarah Venable and Jane Morgan," reported the same without amendment. Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The resolution laid on the table by Mr. RANKIN yesterday, was taken up, considered, and agreed to.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to change the terms of the District Court of the United States, for the Kentucky district," was read the third time and passed.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. EVERETT, his Secretary; which was read, and is as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 17th of February last, requesting "information whether any measures had been taken for carrying into effect the resolution of Congress of June 17, 1777, directing a monument to be erected to the memory of David Wooster, a Brigadier General in the army of the United States, who fell in defending the liberties of America, and bravely repelling an inroad of the British forces to Danbury, in Connecticut," I have caused the necessary inquiries to be made, and find by the report of the Register of the Treasury, that no monument has been erected to the memory of that patriotic and gallant officer, nor has any money been paid to the Executive of Connecticut, on that account.

March 17th 1824.

JAMES MONROE.

Ordered, That the said Message be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, on the report of the Committee of Elections, on the remonstrance of certain citizens of the District of Norfolk, in the state of Massachusetts, against the right of John Bailey to a seat in this House as the representative of said district; and after some time spent therein, the SPEAKER resumed the chair, and Mr. COBB reported, that the Committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House have leave to sit again on said bill. Adjourned.

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CHAP. 24. An ACT to authorize the issuing of letters patent to Samuel Brown.

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to issue letters patent in the usual form to Samuel Brown, for his invention of a new and useful engine for producing power by which water may be raised, machines worked, and vessels propelled, without the aid of steam, upon his complying with all the provisions of the several acts of Congress, relative to the issuing of letters patent for inventions and improvements, except so far as the said acts require, on the part of aliens, a residence of two years in the United States.

Washington, February 28, 1824.—Approved;

JAMES MONROE.

No. 1. RESOLUTION in relation to an intended visit of the Marquis De Lafayette to the United States.

The Marquis De Lafayette having expressed his intention to revisit this country—

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be requested to communicate to him the assurances of grateful and affectionate attachments still cherished for him by the Government and People of the United States:

And be it further resolved, That, whenever the President shall be informed of the time when the Marquis may be ready to embark, that a National Ship, with suitable accommodation, be employed, to bring him to the United States.

Washington, February 4, 1824.—Approved,

JAMES MONROE.

CHAP. 25. An ACT to extend the time limited for the settlement of private land claims in the Territory of Florida.

[SECT. 1.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time limited for the settlement of private land claims in the Territory of Florida, by an act of the Seventeenth Congress, entitled "An act amending, and supplementary to, the Act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the Territory of Florida, and to provide for the survey and disposal of the public lands in Florida, be, and the same is hereby, extended and enlarged, until the first day of January next, when the commissioners for ascertaining claims and titles to the lands aforesaid shall make a return of their proceedings to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be laid before Congress.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the claimant or claimants shall not be required to produce, in evidence, a designation of title from the original grantee or patentee, but the exhibition of the original title papers, agreeably to the fourth section of an act, passed the eighth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, entitled "An act for ascertaining claims and titles to lands within the Territory of Florida," with the deed or devise, to the claimant, and the office abstract or abstracts of the intermediate conveyances for the last ten years preceding the surrender of Florida to the United States; and, where they cannot be produced, their absence being satisfactorily accounted for, shall be sufficient evidence of the right of the claimant or claimants to the land so claimed as against the United States: *Provided,* The claim be defined in quantity, and the amount does not exceed the quantity limited in the second section of the act which this is intended to extend: *And Provided,* the conditions required by the laws and ordinances of the Spanish government, and the treaty between Spain and the United States, shall have been complied with.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no person shall be taken and deemed to be an actual settler, within the provisions of the "Act amending, and supplementary to, an act for ascertaining claims and titles to land in the Territory of Florida," passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, unless such person, or those under whom he claims title, shall have been in the cultivation, or occupation, of the land, at and before the period of the cession.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act of which this is an amendment, as authorizes the Secretary of said commissioners to demand and receive from the claimants ten cents per hundred words for recording titles to lands, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the former Secretaries, or those who may now be Secretaries, to the said Boards of Commissioners, who shall have received their salary of one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, from the Treasury of the United States, which is, by law, declared to be their full compensation, shall be, and they are hereby, required to pay over, respectively, to the Commissioners, conformably with the provisions of the original law, all such fees as have been demanded, and received by them, which shall be appropriated to defray the expenses of the Commission.

SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act of which this is amendatory, as makes void all claims not filed before the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and it shall be lawful for claims to be filed any time previous to the first day of September next; but all and every claim not filed by that time, shall be held and deemed void and of none effect.

SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That each of the Commissioners heretofore appointed, or who may hereafter be appointed, who has performed, and shall hereafter perform, the duties assigned him, shall receive, from the first Monday in February until the first day of January next, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, in full compensation for his services.

Washington, February 28, 1824.—Approved,

JAMES MONROE.

LETTER from the Treasury Department, accompanied with a Statement of the Duties accruing on Merchandise Imported, and Drawback payable on Merchandise Exported, during the years ending on the 31st day of December, 1820, 1821, and 1822.

IN obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, passed on the third of March, 1797, the Secretary of the Treasury has the honour to transmit, herewith, a Statement, exhibiting the duties accruing on Merchandise Imported, and drawback payable on Merchandise Exported, during the years ending on the 31st day of December, 1820, 1821, and 1822.

A STATEMENT exhibiting the amount of Drawback on Merchandise exported from the United States, during the years ending on the 31st day of December, 1820, 1821, and 1822, compared with the amount of duties which accrued on the same, respectively.

SPECIES OF MERCHANDISE.	1820.		1821.		1822.		1820.		1821.		1822.	
	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.	Duties re- ceiv- ing.	Drawback payable.
At 7½ per cent.	38,642	3,068	66,818	3,570	91,345	21,815						
Almonds, in case.	1,710,425	289,718	2,160,556	196,393	2,939,602	294,494						
Almonds, in case.	503,699	22,516	921,552	25,669	1,387,932	21,917						
Almonds, in case.	2,965,288	701,287	4,522,016	359,947	5,985,342	447,565						
Almonds, in case.	279,780	28,186	497,926	14,568	647,840	16,255						
Duck, Russia.	59,118	4,807	61,730	4,024	95,512	8,636						
Raven.	24,671	4,108	36,963	3,780	59,424	5,098						
Holland	4,535	3,540	6,540	4,080	4,080							
Sheeting, Brown Russia.	49,526	25,064	64,704	36,651	62,108	43,791						
White, do.	1,948	332	2,568	73	3,965	634						
Wines, Madeira.	137,138	39,088	180,190	26,024	142,094	21,651						
Champagne.	8,040	49	3,810	7,142	24,179	700						
Sherry and St. Lucat.	100,407	1,147	160,593	7,326	230,844	9,739						
Lisbon, Oporto, &c.	103,779	2,994	186,554	8,012	150,102	6,446						
Teneriffe, Fayal, &c.	12,231	3,376	18,697	1,593	13,193	2,695						
Claret in bottles.	5,275	1,302	37,795	28,952	271,315	43,350						
All Other.	201,267	22,803	322,599	12,377	329,312	15,388						
Spirit, from Grain.	200,462	20,535	223,589	12,377	329,312	15,388						
Other materials.	1,679,018	110,326	1,566,468	88,130	1,890,780	142,535						
Molasses.	543,673	3,558	474,339	1,199	618,859	380						
Beer, Ale, and Porter.	8,341	343	12,502	627	16,961	501						
Oil, Sperm.	1,975	71	1,520	395	423							
Whale and other Fish.	4,283	2,400	17,117	914	8,462	3,509						
Olive, in case.	19,587	21,023	286,577	22,548	341,596	98,268						
Teas, Bohea.	418,351	102,748	493,012	6,685	576,394	66,676						
Souchong.	451,680	35,154	658,391	21,439	88,547							
Hyson skin.	864,953	127,073	134,527	29,438	211,489	88,547						
Hyson and Young Hyson.	143,468	36,415	1,246,583	435,926	1,229,755	501,161						
Imperial.	1,187,418	508,824	2,242,232	14,564	26,294	19,650						
Coffee.	50,549	34,097	23,232	28	37							
Cocoa.	2,224,068	739,639	1,649,275	419,680	2,333,714	213,768						
Chocolate.	239,471	117,937	264,664	162,195	448,787	178,956						
Sugar, White.	514	4	354	83	531							
Candy and Loaf.	56	4	46	34	34							
Other refined.	11,927	2,771	7,716	1,097	11,423	261						
Almonds.	7,331	3,637	910	3,712	3,712							
Curants.	3,667	157	2,680	197	3,716							
Prunes and Plums.	8,808	437	11,725	145	11,503	92						
Fig.	30,412	2,211	64,531	1,417	87,799	9,688						
Raisins, jar and muscatel.	26,477	5,728	45,184	39	63,486	1,322						
Other.	3,011	1,635	6,699	5,436	5,431	4,531						
Candler, tallow.	63	11	11	182	171							
Wax and Sperm.	9,914	3,139	6,263	1,221	5,194	54						
Cheese.	1,168	2,862	10,319	3,073	14,321	9,740						
Soap.	19,153	258	56,889	551	19,433	447						
Tallow.	1,325	970	16,963	233	14,227	1,991						
Spices, Mace.	766	661	5,338	4,493	8,189	1,456						
Nutmegs.	11,021	12,288	5,338	4,493	8,189	1,456						
Cinnamon.	8,834	3,656	2,316	1,697	1,697							
Claret.	94,747	77,227	212,459	48,449	188,998	189,691						
Pepper.	19,073	2,119	21,389	384	21,389	384						
Pimento.	44,010	8,509	30,718	17,562	26,463	21,319						
Cassia.												
Imported in French Vessels.	16,560,626	2,886,965	18,706,417	2,183,896	24,066,069	2,851,196						

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Register's Office, February 1824.
JOSEPH NOURSE, Rg.